

HB 1305 -- REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Rowden

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Economic Development and Business Attraction and Retention by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Commerce by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill establishes the Regulatory Improvement Commission within the Department of Economic Development to evaluate and provide recommendations for modification, consolidation, or repeal of regulations with the aim of reducing compliance costs, encouraging growth and innovation, and improving competitiveness. The commission will consist of the following members:

- (1) One member appointed by the Governor who will serve as the chairperson of the commission;
- (2) Two members appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate;
- (3) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
- (4) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- (5) Two members appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives.

The commission must submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2016, detailing the commission's findings and recommendations. The commission must dissolve after the submission of its report.

The provisions of the bill will expire December 31, 2017.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the committee will be required to analyze state regulations and submit a report to the General Assembly with the analysis. This will be a substantial step towards positive regulatory reform.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rowden and Associated Industries of Missouri.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.